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1. CHARGE AND BLANE CALLED ON FONMIN ZERBO MARCH 19, AND OPENED WITH DISCUSSION US DROUGHT AID AND RECENT CILSS MEETING IN BAMAKO.

2. ZERBO SAID HE WOULD HIMSELF ATTEND UNGA SPECIAL SESSION STARTING APRIL 9. HIS OVERRIDING CONCERN IS DISASTROUS EFFECT OF RISE IN PETROLEUM PRICES ON UPPER VOLTAN AND OTHER POOR COUNTRIES.

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3. SINCE MAJOR ZERBO IS NEW TO HIS JOB, CHARGE TOOK

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OPPORTUNITY DISCUSS AND PRESENT AIDE-MEMOIRE RE USG
OPPOSITION TO SEATING PRG/SVN AT LOS CONFERENECE
(AND ALSO, IN EVENT IT COMES UP AGAIN, SEATING SIHANOUK
REGIME AT UN). ZERBO TOOK NOTE OF POINTS MADE.
(SUBJECT HAD ALREADY BEEN DISCUSSED WITH PRESIDENT AND
FORMER FONMIN CONOMBO LAST FALL, AND USG POSITION WELL
KNOWN TO FOREIGN MINISTRY WORKING LEVEL.)

4. DISCUSSING LOS STRAITS ISSUE SEPARATELY WITH ARBA
DIALLO OF FOREIGN MINISTRY, WHO IS WELL-INFORMED ON
LOS ISSUES AND OFTEN REPRESENTS GOUV AT INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC CONFERENCES. IN RESPONSE TO PRESENTATION OF
ARGUMENTS FOR FREE PASSAGE THROUGH STRAITS, DIALLO
POINTED OUT THAT LANDLOCKED COUNTRIES LIKE UPPER VOLTA
SEEK SUPPORT FOR THEIR PROPOSAL FOR ASSURED ACCESS TO
SEA. HE IMPLIED THAT LANDLOCKED COUNTRIES
MIGHT MOVE CLOSER TO USG POSITION ON STRAITS IF COULD
GET SUPPORT FOR THEIR POSITION ON ACCESS TO SEA. HE
SAID WOULD PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH SPECIFICS ON LANDLOCKED
STATES PROPOSAL, BUT HAS YET TO DO SO.

5. ASSUME LANDLOCKED STATES PROPOSAL IS ALREADY KNOWN
TO DEPARTMENT. PLEASE ADVISE WHAT USG POSITION IS ON
IT, AND WHAT WE CAN RESPOND TO GOUV ON
SUGGESTION RAISED BY DIALLO.
BULLEN

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